



## Governor's Council on Agricultural Education

201 Curtiss Hall

Ames, Iowa 50011

April 8, 2016

Governor Terry Branstad  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol  
1007 East Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50319

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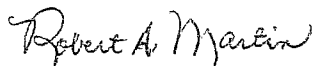
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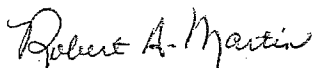
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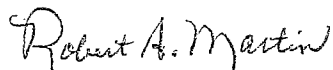
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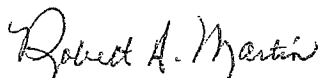
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